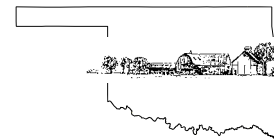


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Above Normal Temperatures Persist

October 26 - Weather across Oklahoma continued to be unseasonably warm and dry for much of the week before a front moved in over the weekend bringing cooler temperatures. Temperatures dropped below freezing in five of the nine districts on Sunday. The lowest temperature reported was 20 degrees at the Kenton station. Many producers were active harvesting row crops during the week. Planting of fall small grains made favorable progress and wheat and rye were running ahead of the normal pace. Insect populations were minimal across the State. Farmers had 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	19	31	49	1
Last Week	10	27	57	6
Last Year	1	5	59	35

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	21	37	42	0
Last Week	15	32	49	4
Last Year	4	14	70	12

Small Grains: Planting activities made good progress during the week. Wheat conditions decreased slightly from last week, but remained mostly fair to good. The prolonged dry conditions continued to be a serious problem for wheat producers in the southern parts of Oklahoma. Some producers reported stands were in poor condition and in desperate need of rainfall. Wheat planted jumped 6 percentage points to 93 percent complete. Wheat emerged increased 8 percentage points during the week to 81 percent of the intended acres. Rye emerged gained 12 percentage points during the week to 93 percent complete. Rye was rated in mostly fair to excellent condition while oats were in mostly fair to good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 26, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	7	11	19	51	12
Last Week	3	6	25	56	10
Last Year	1	5	27	49	18
Rye					
This Week	8	5	14	60	13
Oats					
This Week	11	6	28	50	5

Row Crops: Corn producers were able to harvest an additional 8 percent of the crop last week, bringing the total to 92 percent complete. Sorghum harvest managed to progress 10 percentage points to 64 percent complete. Soybean harvest, at 57 percent complete, was running behind of the normal pace. Peanut and cotton harvest made excellent progress during the week. Seventy-one percent of the peanut crop had been dug at week's end. An additional 24 percent of peanuts were combined during the week to reach 52 percent complete. Cotton harvest advanced 20 percentage points and was 42 percent complete compared to 34 percent last year and 51 percent of the normal average.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 26, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum	4	28	40	27	1
Soybeans	9	8	34	45	4
Peanuts	0	11	41	43	5
Cotton	9	16	37	31	7

Hay: The fifth cutting of alfalfa gained momentum from last week, increasing 11 percentage points to 64 percent cut. The second cutting of other hay progressed slightly with 92 percent of the crop being cut by week's end. Both alfalfa and other hay were rated in mostly fair to good condition.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 26, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	11	45	35	5
Other Hay	5	23	36	34	2

Pasture: Range and pasture conditions remained mostly fair to good across the State. However, in the southern areas of the State, the hot and dry conditions continued to reduce grass forage production.

Livestock: Livestock remained in mostly fair to excellent condition. Cattle auctions reported a decrease in marketings of steers and heifers less than 800 pounds for the week. The price for feeder steers less than 800 pounds decreased from last week and averaged \$101.31 per cwt. The average price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds also decreased from last week and averaged \$94.96 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 26, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	4	25	54	16
Pasture & Range	8	17	37	33	5

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS									
Week Ending October 26, 2003									
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Planted	93	87	91	83	Mature	86	83	93	91
Emerged	81	73	81	63	Harvested	57	51	65	66
Rye -					Peanuts -				
Planted	98	96	98	89	Mature	97	95	97	94
Emerged	93	81	96	76	Dug	71	48	70	69
Oats -					Combined	52	28	47	50
Seedbed Prepared	88	87	90	91	Cotton -				
Planted	55	51	56	60	Harvested	42	22	34	51
Emerged	44	38	49	38	Alfalfa -				
Corn -					4 th Cutting	97	94	100	91
Harvested	92	84	92	98	5 th Cutting	64	53	68	45
Sorghum -					Other Hay -				
Mature	89	86	89	93	2 nd Cutting	92	89	94	79
Harvested	64	54	76	68					

WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 26, 2003 - Temperatures ranged from 20 degrees at Kenton on Sunday, October 26th to 96 degrees at Camargo on Monday, October 20th and at Walters and Waurika on Tuesday, October 21st. Precipitation averaged 0.00 in. seven of nine districts to 0.07 in. Northeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 48 degrees at Woodward on Sunday, October 26th to 73 degrees at Tipton and Waurika on Friday, October 24th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA							
Week Ending October 26, 2003							
Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2003 to October 26, 2003		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees			Inches			
Panhandle	78	42	60	0.00	2.68	- 0.47	85
West Central	80	49	64	0.00	2.89	- 2.28	56
Southwest	83	49	65	0.00	1.36	- 4.52	23
North Central	78	48	63	0.00	4.04	- 1.32	75
Central	80	50	64	0.00	5.31	- 1.87	74
South Central	82	50	66	0.00	4.89	- 3.02	62
Northeast	78	50	63	0.07	6.41	- 1.41	82
East Central	80	50	64	0.00	6.04	- 2.50	71
Southeast	83	48	65	0.01	5.92	- 2.81	68